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Applicants: Harari et al.
Application No.: 09/103,056
Filed: 06/23/98
For: Flash EEPROM system

The above-identified application or patent has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences because it is adjudged to interfere with another application or patent. An interference has been declared. The interference is designated as No. 104,760.

Notice is hereby given the parties of the requirement of the law for filing in the Patent and Trademark Office a copy of any agreement "in connection with or in contemplation of the termination of the interference." 35 U.S.C. § 135(c).


Sally C. Medley
Administrative Patent Judge

The opinion in support of the decision being entered today is not binding precedent of the Board.

Paper 1

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TAKASHI TSUNEHIRO, KUNIHIRO KATAYAMA,
KENICHI KAKI, and TAKESHI FURUNO,

Junior Party,
(Patent 5,644,539),

v.

ELIYAHOU HARARI, ROBERT D. NORMAN and
SANJAY MEHROTRA,

Senior Party,
(Application 09/103,056).

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Patent Interference No. 104,760

NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE
(37 CFR § 1.611)

Part A. Declaration of interference

An interference is declared (35 U.S.C. § 135(a)) between the above-identified parties.

Details of the application(s), patent (if any), reissue application (if any), count(s) and claims designated as corresponding or as not corresponding to the count(s) appear in Parts E and F of this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE.

Part B. Judge designated to handle the interference
Administrative Patent Judge Sally C. Medley has been designated to handle the interference. 37 CFR § 1.610(a).

Part C. Standing order
A Trial Section STANDING ORDER accompanies this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE. The STANDING ORDER applies to this interference.

Part D. Conference call to set dates
A telephone conference call to set dates for taking action in the interference is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on December 10, 2001 (the call will be initiated from the PTO).

No later than **two business days** prior to the conference call, each party shall file and serve by facsimile a list of the preliminary motions the party intends to file. See § 17 of the STANDING ORDER.

A copy of a "sample" order setting times for taking action during the preliminary motion phase of the interference accompanies this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE.

Counsel are encouraged to discuss the order prior to the conference call with the view to coming to some mutual agreement as to dates for taking action. A typical preliminary motion period lasts approximately nine (9) months. Counsel should be prepared to justify any request for a shorter or longer period.

Part E. The parties involved in this interference are:

Junior Party

Named inventors: Hajime Yamagami, Yokohama, Japan,
Kouichi Terada, Yokohama, Japan,
Yoshihiro Hayashi, Narashino, Japan,
Takashi Tsunehiro, Ebina Japan,
Kenichi, Kaki, Yokohama, Japan,
Takeshi Furuno, Tokyo, Japan

Patent: Patent 5,644,539,
granted 1 July 1997,
based on application 07/981,438,
filed 25 November 1992

Title: Storage device employing a flash memory

Assignee: Hitachi, Ltd.

Accorded Benefit: none

Attorneys: See last page

Address: See last page.

Senior Party

Named Inventors: Eliyahou Harari, Los Gatos, CA,
Robert D. Norman, San Jose, CA,
Sanjay Mehrotra, Milpitas, CA

Application: Application 09/103,056,23
filed 23 June 1998

Title: Flash EEPROM system

Assignee: none

Accorded Benefit: application 08/931,133,
filed 16 September 2001,

application 08/249,049,
filed 25 May 1994,

application 07/963,837,
filed 20 October 1992

application 07/337,566,
filed 13 April 1989

Attorneys: See last page

Address: See last page

Part F. Counts and claims of the parties

Count 1

Claim 63 of 09/103,056

or

Claim 9 of 5,644,539

The claims of the parties are:

Yamagami: 1-21

Harari: 63-66

The claims of the parties which correspond to Count 1 are:

Yamagami: 9 and 14

Harari: 63 and 64

The claims of the parties which do not correspond to Count 1
are:

Yamagami: 1-8, 10-13, and 15-21

Harari: 65 and 66

Part G: Heading to be used on papers

The following heading shall be used on papers filed in the interference. See § 18 of the STANDING ORDER.

Paper ____¹

Filed on behalf of [name of party]

By: Name of lead counsel, Esq.

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TITLE OF PAPER

Part H. Summary of dates for taking action

Times for taking action are set out in the following sections of the STANDING ORDER:

1. § 7: date for identifying lead and backup counsel.
2. § 8: date for identifying any real party in interest.
3. § 9: date for requesting copies of involved and benefit applications and patents.
4. § 17: date for filing list of proposed preliminary motions.
5. § 19: date for accomplishing certain discovery.
6. § 20: date for filing clean copy of claims.
7. § 21: date for filing clean copy of claims in cases with drawings and/or claims containing a means plus function limitation.
8. § 23: dates for filing oppositions to Rule 635 miscellaneous motions and dates for filing replies to oppositions.
9. § 33: date for objecting to admissibility of evidence.
10. § 34: date for serving supplemental affidavits or evidence to respond to objection to admissibility of evidence.
11. § 35: dates when cross-examination can take place.
12. § 45: dates for taking action with respect to settlement discussions

Part I. Order form for requesting file copies

FILE COPY REQUEST

Interference 104,760

A copy of Part E of this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE should be attached to this FILE COPY REQUEST, with a circle by hand around the patents and applications for which a copy of a file wrapper is desired.

To facilitate processing of this FILE COPY REQUEST, the following information should be included:

1. Charge fees to USPTO Deposit Account No. _____
2. Complete address, including street, city, state, zip code and telephone number (do not list a Post Office box inasmuch as file copies are sent via commercial overnight courier).

Telephone, including area code: _____

Part J. Signature of administrative patent judge


SALLY C. MEDLEY
Administrative Patent Judge

Date: 10/29/01
Arlington, VA

Enc:

Copy of STANDING ORDER

Copy of order used for setting times for taking action in
the preliminary motion phase of the interference (ORDERPM6)

Copy of order used for setting times for taking action in
the testimony and briefing phases of the interference
(ORDERTE6)

PTO Form 850 and statement by examiner

Copy U.S. Patent 5,644,539

Copy of claims of Harari application 09/103,056

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